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> Ladies and Gentlemen:

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> I very much appreciate your efforts to protect the marine life of our
> uniquely beautiful and valuable California coast. Thank you. My
family

> and I have had the good fortune to enjoy and profit from its varied
> offerings since 1948! I hope future generations will retain the same
> privileges:b dip into the surf at Moss beach, watch their children
> splash in the sheltered lagoon at San Gregorio, photograph the rocks
> and the seals around Pescadero, study its tiny tide pool dwellers.
> What a fine learning experience it has been to observe the social
> behavior of gulls, cormorants, pelicans, shore and wading birds
around

> Pigeon Point or Point Lobos. My grandchildren have had the chance of
> watching sea mammal displays, whales floating by in tandem in the
> waters near Mission Beach, kayak amidst sea lions, sea otters and
> giant kelp along the coast of Monterey and Elkhorn Slew. To see these
> creatures, in their own salty world, to be among them, nose to nose,
> has made a difference. They have learned to love and respect the sea
> and its denizens.

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> Our coast offers among so many benefits, among them economic,
> ecologic, esthetic, health and recreation with its simultaneous
> educational bonus. Not the least of the benefits is the rich
> opportunity for scientific research that is particularly relevant and
> critical at present when our oceans are threatened by overfishing,
> pollution and global climate disruption. We must preserve what we can
> of our precious coast; and preserve it by the most effective means. I
> urge you to adopt Proposal 4.

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> Among the five proposed MPA plans for our area Proposal 4 best
> protects the San Mateo Coast by creating a marine reserve from Pillar
> Point to Pedro Point and beyond to Shelter Cove. And my favorite
> place, the photogenic area between San Gregorio and Tunitas Creek
with

> its jade pebbles at Bean Hollow, its barking seals bathed in foam as
> the waves break against the dark crags of their rock barrier, to be
> admired still by our children's children and their children. Thank
you

> for adopting Proposal 4.

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> Respectfully submitted

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